Message

From: Sasseville, Sonya [Sasseville.Sonya@epa.gov]

Sent: 4/4/2017 9:17:14 PM

To: Roepe, Wayne [Roepe.Wayne@epa.gov]

CC: Kohler, Amanda [Kohler.Amanda@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Open burning/open detonation munitions

Thanks. FYI, Amanda mentioned she is pressuring Ken to focus on finishing up the fireworks memo (which I totally agree with!) so it may be that it's working and that's why he didn't respond. It doesn't sound like something we can comment on anyway.

From: Roepe, Wayne

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 3:59 PM

To: Sasseville, Sonya <Sasseville.Sonya@epa.gov>; Johnston, Jon <Johnston.Jon@epa.gov> **Cc:** Ames, Jeremy <Ames.Jeremy@epa.gov>; Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Open burning/open detonation munitions

I saw Ken in his office earlier today.

From: Sasseville, Sonya

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 3:54 PM **To:** Johnston, Jon < Johnston. Jon@epa.gov>

Cc: Ames, Jeremy Ames.Jeremy@epa.gov; Bertrand, Charlotte Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov; Roepe, Wayne

<Roepe.Wayne@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Open burning/open detonation munitions

I'm going into a meeting and will look at this afterward, but in meantime am looping in our communications group in ORCR. Reporter should have gone through Press Office. Wayne, is Ken in this week?

From: Daniel Ross [mailto:dross1@gm.slc.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 1:24 PM **To:** Johnston, Jon < Johnston. Jon@epa.gov>

Cc: Sasseville, Sonya <<u>Sasseville.Sonya@epa.gov</u>>; Bertrand, Charlotte <<u>Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov</u>>; Shuster, Kenneth <<u>Shuster.Kenneth@epa.gov</u>>; Wilson, Michaelle <<u>Wilson.Michaelle@epa.gov</u>>; Monell, Carol <<u>Monell.Carol@epa.gov</u>>;

Crosby-Vega, Terri < Crosby-Vega. Terri@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Open burning/open detonation munitions

Thanks so much, Jon. Greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dan Ross

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On Tue, Apr 4, 2017 at 10:14 AM, Johnston, Jon <<u>Johnston.Jon@epa.gov</u>> wrote:

I'm copying the HQ contacts on this response to encourage a call back. I've included Charlotte Bertrand with the Federal Facilities office as well.

Jon D. Johnston, Chief
Materials and Waste Management Branch
EPA Region 4
<u>404-562-8527</u>
Feed People, Not Landfills
From: Daniel Ross [mailto:dross1@gm.slc.edu] Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 12:50 PM To: Johnston, Jon < Johnston.Jon@epa.gov> Subject: Re: Open burning/open detonation munitions
Thanks for getting back to me, Jon, appreciated. And thank you for the contact numbers.
I'd tried Ken Shuster multiple times already, but he failed to get back to me. I will try the other two contacts you've provided. But just in case they, too, don't respond, I just want to elaborate upon what I'm eager to speak with someone about:
- The original exemption for open burning of waste explosives:
https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/40/265.382
https://www.epa.gov/hwpermitting/requirements-miscellaneous-hazardous-waste-units
- The Military Munitions Rule, and how that ties into the open burning of explosives.
Sincerely,
Dan Ross

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On Tue, Apr 4, 2017 at 7:10 AM, Johnston, Jon < <u>Johnston.Jon@epa.gov</u>> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Ross:

Terri mentioned that you might be in contact this week while she is out of the office. I'm unsure what help I could provide, as I am not familiar with the upcoming NAS study in any detail. Terri serves as a member of the national team with our headquarters counterparts, and any commentary regarding the regulatory side of the OB/OD issue should best be addressed by them. I have copied Sonya Sasseville, Michelle Wilson and Ken Shuster on this response as they are the most knowledgeable program leaders who can assist you. Their phone numbers are:

Sonya: 703-308-8648

Michelle: (703) 308-8790

Ken: 703-308-8759

Jon D. Johnston, Chief

Materials and Waste Management Branch

EPA Region 4

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From: Daniel Ross [mailto:dross1@gm.slc.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 9:41 AM

To: Johnston, Jon < Johnston.Jon@epa.gov > Subject: Open burning/open detonation munitions
Dear Jon
My name is Dan Ross, I'm a reporter with FairWarning, and I'm working on a story looking at the open burning and open detonation of munitions, and the possible impact the upcoming National Academy of Sciences (NAS) study might have on this practice. This is an issue I know quite well, having written on it twice before. I'm working on an update on the topic for FairWarning.
I'm eager to speak with someone about the regulatory side of the issue within the EPA, and Terri Crosby-Vega recommended that I reach out to you.
If you are able and willing to speak with me, my tentative deadline is this Thursday.
Sincerely,
Dan Ross
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